

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Training and Education Bureau Component Budget Summary

Component: Training and Education Bureau

Contribution to Department's Mission

Educate the public to improve their knowledge of fire safety; prepare and support local fire and rescue agencies in emergency response activity.

Core Services

- Train and certify local fire and emergency responders.
- Coordinate Public Fire Safety Education efforts for Alaska.
- Deliver Public Fire and Life Safety Awareness Campaigns.
- Conduct a permits program for all persons working on fire extinguishers, fire alarms, and fire suppression systems.
- Adopt national fire training standards at the state level, and develop curriculum based on those standards.
- Accredite emergency response training programs based on national training standards.
- Provide technical assistance to communities regarding the organization, training, and response capabilities of their local departments.
- Manage U.S. Fire Administration programs for Alaska including all National Fire Academy courses.
- Train Alaska emergency response groups including the U.S. Coast Guard shipboard firefighters, cruise line fire response teams, and other industrial fire brigade response teams.
- Collect and disseminate fire and emergency response information management and statistics.
- Develop rural fire protection practices and the means to achieve their implementation.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$2,958,000

Personnel:

Full time	8
Part time	0
Total	8

Key Component Challenges

The Alaska Fire Standards Council is now funded with general funds. The Training and Education Bureau has turned over all the certification responsibilities and no longer assumes the functions and responsibilities of the council.

The Office of Rural Fire Protection was established to incorporate Project Code Red and be a focal point for all small rural fire departments throughout the state. Most small rural fire departments do not possess staff members that are fully qualified or experienced. These limitations and lack of equipment pose an extreme challenge for the community. As their primary source of technical assistance, education, and training, the Division of Fire and Life Safety needs to assist them whenever possible. Alaska Village Initiatives supports programs such as the Basic Firefighter program, and when available, other federal funds/grants fund this assistance.

The Office of Rural Fire Protection was added to the Division of Fire and Life Safety in FY2009. The office will concentrate efforts to provide technical assistance and specialized training to high-risk rural communities for the specific purpose of establishing and maintaining a local fire department and emergency response organization. Fire and Life Safety's goal is to reinforce Project Code Red communities with follow-up training and oversight support through the Office of Rural Fire Protection. In addition, Fire and Life Safety will continue to identify, support, and provide solutions to communities where Project Code Red is not the solution to a well-established emergency response organization.

AVI (Alaska Village Initiatives) has been a key player in Project Code Red and will be for the Office of Rural Fire Protection. They were responsible for the assembly and delivery of the firefighting units to rural communities. The legislature has granted them funding because of declining federal grant funds. They have indicated that they will now be able to offer technical assistance to the existing communities and assist the Office of Rural Fire Protection. At this time, the Division of Fire and Life Safety feels that it would be appropriate to put more of these units in rural communities as we are able to maintain the equipment and provide continuing training to the 124 communities that currently have Project Code Red equipment. We have found that after two years without refresher training that these resources are forgotten and not deployed during fires.

In FY2007, the Division of Fire and Life Safety entered into a contract with the City of Kenai to manage the Pacific Rim Institute of Safety and Management (PRISM). The purpose of PRISM is to provide training primarily for industrial firefighting and preparedness. After a year of operations and careful examination of costs versus projected income and the loss of business to co-located business competitors, it was determined to exercise the division's option to terminate the contract due to ongoing financial loss. In April 2008 the contract was ended, two personnel were laid off and the division's management of and responsibilities for PRISM ended.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

The majority of fire deaths occur in residential occupancies. The best strategy to prevent death from fire is the education of the public about fire safety. The Division of Fire and Life Safety will implement a personal responsibility campaign to increase the awareness of the public about their ability to prevent fire in their homes.

Fire and Life Safety will continue to support and train fire service personnel throughout the state. With the limited staff, this support will be prioritized based upon the needs of the communities. The number of rural training courses conducted under Project Code Red will continue to increase and training will continue with contract instructors. A combined training initiative between a number of federal agencies, the Division of Fire and Life Safety, and Alaska Village Initiatives funds this project. Presently, through the resources of Project Code Red, funding is available for initial equipment purchase and training, but continued support and assistance is not available.

Training with established departments will continue and increase with emphasis on firefighter safety and survival, the basic elements of firefighting, and fire service leadership.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- Provided training and certification for firefighters from Alaska's emergency response agencies. Alaska has over 6,100 volunteer and paid firefighters responding throughout the state.

Certification Levels	Certified in 2006
Firefighter I and II	508
Marine Firefighter	0
Fire Officer I	0
Fire Instructor	59
Rural Basic Firefighter	4
Fire Investigator	34

- Assisted the following local fire departments in meeting their training accreditation goals:

Anchor Point FD	Anchorage FD	Ted Stevens Int. Airport FD
Conoco/Phillips FD	North Slope Borough FD	Bethel FD
British Petroleum FD	Capital City Fire/Rescue	Central Emergency Services
Central Mat-Su FD	Chena Goldstream FD	Chugiak FD
Cordova FD	Girdwood FD	Homer FD
Kenai FD	Ketchikan FD	Mat-Su Borough Public Safety
North Pole FD	North Star FD	Palmer FD

PRISM Fire Training Center	Seward FD	Skagway FD
Steese Area FD	Univ. of Alaska Fire Science	Univ. of Alaska FD
Valdez FD	Tri-Valley FD	Nome FD
Whittier Tunnel FD	Sitka FD	Fairbanks Int. Airport FD
North Tongass VFD	North Slope Borough	Haines FD
Nikiski VFD	Petersburg VFD	Kodiak VFD
Fairbanks FD	South Tongass FD	Ester VFD
Unalaska VFD		

- Processed and reported fire and emergency incident reports from departments across the state. The division submitted the reports for inclusion into the national fire incident reporting database and provided feedback reports to departments and user groups based on this incident data.
- Assisted the Alaska Fire Chief's Association and the Alaska State Firefighters Association in putting on their annual fall training conference.
- Assisted the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and the Alaska State Firefighters Association in the preparation and delivery of their statewide training conferences.
- Provided fire training to new Village Public Safety Officers at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy.
- Provided Basic Firefighter Training in 20 communities. Since the inception of the program, training has been provided in 124 communities. One hundred forty-five communities are presently part of Project Code Red. Advanced training was presented in Fairbanks for Project Code Red communities, as well as others.
- Increased efforts to identify and reduce the juvenile fire setter problem through increased arson awareness and education of state agency stakeholders who can recognize and provide offender assistance.
- Issued 1,094 permits through a combination of fire extinguisher maintenance and inspection knowledge testing, fire alarm and suppression system maintenance, inspection and design licensing, firework pyrotechnic operator, and firework retail sales permits.
- Completed 1,361 fire safety education presentations to Alaskan groups. Direct contact is made through participation in state fairs, home shows, inspections, and educational briefings. Indirect contacts are made through theater advertising, local television, and third party educational efforts made by local fire departments who receive educational material from the division but whose members present the information.
- Provided incidental and formal technical assistance to departments and communities throughout the state.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

No statutes and regulations.

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Training and Education Bureau Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	783.8	720.6
72000 Travel	0.0	350.9	350.9
73000 Services	0.0	1,141.5	1,224.5
74000 Commodities	0.0	528.0	528.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	134.0	134.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	2,938.2	2,958.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	851.2	851.2
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	861.2	877.3
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	56.6	56.6
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	0.0	944.0	944.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	0.0	225.2	228.9
Funding Totals	0.0	2,938.2	2,958.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	851.2	851.2
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	56.6	56.6
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	0.0	944.0	944.0
Receipt Supported Services	51073	0.0	225.2	228.9
Restricted Total		0.0	2,077.0	2,080.7
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	2,077.0	2,080.7

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	861.2	851.2	1,225.8	2,938.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Correct Unrealizable Fund Sources in the Salary Adjustment for the Existing Bargaining Unit Agreements	6.3	0.0	-6.3	0.0
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	9.8	0.0	10.0	19.8
FY2010 Governor	877.3	851.2	1,229.5	2,958.0

**Training and Education Bureau
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Full-time	9	8	Annual Salaries	453,993
Part-time	0	0	COLA	18,685
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	2,549
			Annual Benefits	257,109
			Less 1.60% Vacancy Factor	(11,736)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	9	8	Total Personal Services	720,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	0	1	1
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Training Admin	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Training Specialist	0	1	1	2	4
Statistical Technician II	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	3	1	1	3	8